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SUBJECT: JAPANESE - PNG FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING VISIT TO PORT MORESBY FISHERY TEAM HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH GOJ AMBASSADOR TO PORT MORESBY ONGOING GOJ-PNG FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS. HE INDICATED THAT GOJ WAS LOOKING FOR A QTE INTERIM AGREEMENT END QTE TO CARRY THE RELATIONSHIP THROUGH 1978. GOJ SEEKING A VERY GENERAL INTERIM AGREEMENT THAT WOULD NOT ADDRESS SPECIFIC FISHERY QUESTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOJ FULLY PREPARED TO HAVE ITS VESSELS ABIDE BY TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING LICENSING, ESTABLISHED BY PNG. SINCE THIS AGREEMENT IN LARGE PART RELATES TO HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT TEAM RECEIVED WAS THAT GOJ SEEKING TO OVERCOME JURIDICAL PROBLEMS (IN THIS CASE RELATING TO COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER TUNA) IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE INTERIM US-JAPAN GIFA IN 1977 (I.E. A SHORT, GENERAL AMBIGUOUS AGREEMENT) WHILE AT SAME TIME PROMISING TO HAVE GOJ TUNA FISHING VESSELS

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ABIDE BY PNG TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE POINT, TEAM INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR YAMAGUCHI THAT IN CONTEXT OF MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT IN SOUTH PACIFIC, USG WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT LICENSING FOR TUNA FISHING AND THAT USG DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A CONDITION IN A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT

WAS PREJUDICIAL TO US POSITION ON COASTAL STATE
JURISDICTION OVER TUNA.

3. DISCUSSIONS WITH GPNG OFFICIALS INDICATE AGFEEMENT
ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES HAS BEEN REACHED. GOJ WILL PAY ONE
MILLION KINA IN RETURN FOR ACCESS TO PNG ZONE BY ITS
VESSELS. VESSELS WILL BE ISSUED LICENSES BY PNG. FISH
CAUGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A QTE TAX UNQTE. THIS TAX
WILL NOT APPLY TO FISH SOLD IN PNG. GPNG OFFICIALS
STATED THIS WOULD BE USED AS DEVICE TO ENSURE SUPPLY OF
FISH FOR CANNERY THEY HOPE TO HAVE STARKIST ESTABLISH
THERE.
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